

The Regular meeting of the McGill Town Council was held on August 17, 2021 at the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building located at #4 North Fourth (Main) Street at 7:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Joshua Miller, Chairman
Cynthia Angelopoulos, Vice-Chairperson
Roxane Ballandby, Member
Chris Maestes, Member

Absent Council Member: Danielle Jensen, Member

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, secretary/Town Clerk
Raymond Maestes, Sr.
Brenda McConaha
Stacy Laird, Business Rep/MRA
Michael Couch, Garden State Fireworks
Jeff Lachowski, Rio Tinto
Jack Rasmussen
Deputy Overson, WPC Sheriff's Office

Council Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Member Maestes led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for any comments from the audience.

Jeff Lachowski, Rio Tinto, addressed the Council updating the Council on their work with the State of Nevada. Recalling that several months ago they had received notice from NDEP requesting soil samples be taken from areas at the Kennecott Plant site and locations around McGill. This was to evaluate any possible health risks or contaminates. Rio Tinto complied with NEDP's requests, and he is informing the McGill Town Council there are no health risks, such as lead and/or arsenic, found in any of the soil samples.

Council Chairman Miller thanked Mr. Lackowski for reporting this matter to the McGill Town Council.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR MCGILL ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that the Swimming Pool Park has been reserved for the Labor Day weekend. Food has been ordered from Bradley's. The BBQ has also been reserved. The porta potties have been ordered and will be delivered on time for the street dance.

Brenda McConaha reported that she has applied for the liquor license. When she requested the stage be delivered, she learned that the County wants to charge for setting up the stage, but she did not know who would be paying the set up charges. There is no charge for anyone who wishes to set up a booth to sell items. Last year they had received a donation, so they purchased games to be set up.

It was noted that the County can send the bill for setting up the stage to the McGill Town Council.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY DURING THE MCGILL ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES:

Michael Couch, Silver State Fireworks, addressed the Council explaining that they have non profit status. He has been reaching out for donations and presently he has a total of \$12,000 collected so far (including the \$6,000 McGill Town Council provides). They plan on having new shells this year, and he has a full team of people assisting with the fireworks display. He has already spoken with the White Pine Fire Chief and has his full cooperation. He will also be working with Chris Collis of Rio Tinto with setting up the location. He has also been coordinating with the White Pine Tourism and Rec Board.

Jeff Lachowski stated that he would like to work with him, as well. His purpose is to help manage all risks. Noting that this is a drought year, so he feels they need a risk management plan with firetrucks, volunteer firemen, wet the area down, and make sure all the gates are closed.

Michael Couch assured him that he has a risk management plan in place, and he will work with everyone at Rio Tinto.

PURCHASE OF PLAQUES FOR MEMORIAL TREES:

Council Chairman Miller explained that the contact person he had been working with in making the plaques, was no longer available; so the Council will need to find another supplier.

Stacy Laird, MRA, suggested pouring a cement block, working with the local mortuary to engrave names, then stick the name plates into the wet cement.

The Council requested that this matter be carried on the agenda.

PUBLIC ART IDEAS – POTENTIAL MURALS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE TOWN OF MCGILL:

Nothing new to report.

It was agreed to carry this matter on the next agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the McGill Town Council minutes dated July 20, 2021.

Council member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

The following bills were read into the record:

OPI	\$ 46.71
(copy machine contract)	
Bath Lumber	\$238.58
(Park supplies)	
Matthew Merys	\$160.61
(reimbursement for tire)	
Garden State Fireworks, Inc.	\$6000.00

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(Labor Day fireworks)
Bradley's Bestway Market \$ 23.54
(Neighborhood Watch refreshments)

Council Member Ballandby motioned to approve the above bills as read.

Council Member Maestes seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the quorum present.

Purchase Order approved:

It was reported that Robinson Nevada Mining Company donated a check in the amount of \$5,432.00 for the purchase of a storage shed to be situated behind the McGill Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building.

Purchase order is to Bath Lumber for the construction of the storage shed.

Bath Lumber \$5,432.00
(Storage Shed order)

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos motioned to approve the above listed purchase order.

Council Member Ballandby seconded the motion.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS:

It was reported that there is a camp trailer that has been parked at #6 First Street for so long that there are tall weeds surrounding it. This trailer makes it difficult for vehicles to pass on the street.

Deputy Overson explained that a person cannot use the street for storage of campers, trailers, or unlicensed vehicles. He assured the Council that when he resumes his patrol, he will check into this matter.

Council Member Ballandby noted that the Council used to move the McGill Dump Trailer around town so people would be able to clean their yards, and put tree trimmings and trash into the Dump Trailer. The previous years this was done, many residents took extra steps in cleaning the area around their homes, they trimmed their trees, picked up trash around town and would place the trash in the Dump Trailer. She would like to thank those who helped before, and she would like this practice started up again.

The Council directed the secretary to work with the Park Manager and set a schedule where and when to park the McGill Dump Trailer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence mailed or received since the previous meeting were listed as follows:

1. KNOX BOX flyer.
2. Letter to JW Electric listing light out.
3. Secretary monthly report.
4. rPlus Hydro flyer.
5. E-mail regarding fireworks display.
6. Memo to WPC Public Works re: curfew signs at County Parks.
7. Memo to WPC Maintenance re: Swimming Pool Park.
8. Memo to WPC Insurance Pool/Pack re: parking of P-10.
9. Check in the amount of \$5,432.00 from Robinson Nevada Mining Co. for the purchase of a storage shed.
10. Letter to Robinson Nevada Mining Co. thanking them for their donation.
11. Letter to WPC Sheriff thanking them for their service to this community.
12. McGill-Ruth Sewer and Water agenda.

ANIMALS AT LARGE/VICIOUS DOGS:

No new animal at large reported.

PARK MAINTENANCE:

Matthew Merys, McGill Parks Manager, reported that his assistant accidentally bumped a water line with the mower, so they had to make repairs. He still has the gopher gassing machine, but will return it to the County Maintenance Department next week. He and his assistant has been mowing, spraying weeds, repairing sprinkler heads, and cleaning the parks.

Council Member Maestes asked if they could pull and spray more of the weeds around the Ball Park. Suggesting, possibly working with the Tri County Weed Control District.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The secretary reported that McGill received their first financial account summary for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget year. Revenues in the amount of \$8,779.42 has been received so far. The Finance Department also has placed all of McGill's purchase order requests in the encumbrances line items.

FIRE/EMT REPORTS:

No McGill Volunteer Firemen were in attendance.

The Council directed the secretary to prepare correspondence to Brett North, WPC Fire Chief, requesting reports.

STREET LIGHTS:

Council Member Ballandby reported that JW Electric came into her store explaining that he has been in contact with his new vendor for LED lights. He will keep her updated when the 60 LED lights get delivered. He will also do the best he can to keep the price within the quoted price.

STREETS & STREET SIGNS:

Council Member Maestes reported that she may have found one of the stolen stop signs at the north end of town. The last Avenue across from the horse corrals (Avenue R) has a stop sign attached to a house at the corner of Avenue R and 3rd Street.

Deputy Overson assured the Council that he would drive by and check on this.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported there were only 6 persons in attendance at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. There were 2 officers in attendance. Detective Jeremiah Peterson represented Neighborhood Watch, and Deputy Wallace gave a presentation on the KNOX BOX. The Bicycle Rodeo went very well, Sportsworld sent a representative and gave a bicycle away as a prize, and former WPC Officer Pederson returned to McGill to assist with the rodeo.

YOUTH/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Council Vice-Chairperson Angelopoulos reported that she has ordered the candy for Christmas. And they are in the process of contacting Santa to guarantee that McGill will be on his travel schedule.

BUSINESS PLAN/McGILL MERCHANTS REPORTS:

Nothing new to report.

CULTURAL CENTER/KINNEAR LIBRARY REPORT:

No report given.

McGILL REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION:

Stacy Laird, MRA, reported that Friday, September 3rd they will line up at the Grade School for the annual Labor Day parade. The parade will be followed by the Street Dance at 7:00 in the parking lot next to the Post Office, Saturday, September 4th will be the Annual Big Splash with free swimming and BBQ, Sunday, September 5th, will be the annual baseball game and the fireworks will begin at 9:00 PM.

McGILL HISTORICAL DRUG STORE MUSEUM:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Chairman Miller called for any further comments from the audience.

Council Chairman Miller reported that he had received communication from Rudy Herndon regarding the progress on the road leading to his trailer park that is being constructed north of McGill. The road is nearing completion. Also, Mr. Herndon has employed the services of a different architect to work on the IOOF building.

It was noted that the weeds are extremely tall all along Main Street. The Council needs to ask who has the responsibility for maintaining sidewalks along US93, is it NDOT or WPC.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business or comments to be brought before the McGill Town Council; the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.